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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 9372

FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RICE SITUATION

REF: PHNOM PENH 8983

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN PHNOM
PENH FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1ST.

	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29
BEGINNING STOCK	20,757.0	20,757.0	20,308.0	19,866.7

ROUTE 5	--	--	--	--
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ROUTE 4	--	--	--	--
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MEKONG RIVER	--	--	--	--
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TOTAL AVAILABLE	20,757.0	20,757.0	20,308.0	19,866.7
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LESS DISTRIBUTION --	444.6	441.3	582.7
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BALANCE	20,757.0	20,312.4	19,866.7	19,284.0
LESS ADJUSTMENT	--	4.4	--	--
BALANCE	20,757.0	20,308.0	19,866.7	19,284.0

8/30	8/31	9/1
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BEGINNING STOCK	19,284.0	18,613.7	9/1
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ROUTE 5	--	--	--
ROUTE 4	--	--	--
MEKONG RIVER	--	--	3#.
NZTOTAL AVAILABLE	19,284.0	18,613.7	18,021.9
LESS DISTRIBUTION	647.3	591.8	528.5
BALANCE	18,636.7	18,021.9	17,493.4
LESS ADJUSTMENT	23.0	--	--
BALANCE	18,613.7	18,021.9	17,493.4 - 33.6 DAYS

2. STOCK POSITION - AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 21,576 M/T OF RICE AND PADDY (IN RICE EQUIVALENT) IN PHNOM PENH AND KOMPONG SOM WAREHOUSES. I.E., 17,493 M/T IN PHNOM PENH AND 3,554 M/T IN KOMPONG SOM. BETWEEN THIS DATE AND EARLY DECEMBER (WHEN THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF PL 480 RICE ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE) THE GKR HAS ASSURANCE OF ONLY 11,600 M/T OF RICE IMPORTS; 6,600 M/T OF THAI RICE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SEPTEMBER AND 5,000 M/T OF JAPANESE RICE WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL ARRIVE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER. THE GKR HAS A REQUIREMENT FOR AT LEAST 25,000 M/T MORE RICE IN ORDER TO BRIDGE THE CONSUMPTION GAP FROM SEPTEMBER AND EARLY DECEMBER. UNLESS ADDITIONAL RICE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THAILAND OR BATTAMBANG THE GKR STOCKS WILL BE EXHAUSTED BY MID OCTOBER (WITHOUT THE JAPANESE RICE IMPORTS) OR LEATE OCTOBER (WITH JAPANESE ARRIVALS).

3. THAI RICE - PROGRESS IN PURCHASING AN ADDITIONAL 25,000 M/T OF THAI RICE REMAINS SLOW. ALTHOUGH THE RTG HAS ORALLY INDICATED IT WILL NOT LET THE GKR GO WITHOUT RICE, IT HAS DONE LITTLE THUS FAR IN A CONCRETE WAY TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY. THE GKR IS PREPARING TO SEND ANOTHER DELEGATION INCLUDING LONG BORET TO BANGKOK ON SEPTEMBER 9 TO MAKE A FURTHER APPEAL FOR RICE. IN OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, THIS APPROACH SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A SUSTAINED HIGH LEVEL USG-RTG CONTACT IF THAI RICE IS TO BE HAD BEFORE THE MID-CONFIDENTIAL

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OCTOBER DEADLINE.

4. JAPANESE RICE - AS REPORTED IN PHNOM PENH 9248 THE GOJ IS REPORTED TO BE READY TO MAKE 5,000 M/T OF RICE AVAILABLE TO THE GKR. WE ARE PREPARING THE WAY SO THAT AS SOON AS A GKR-GOJ AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED THE NECESSARY PURCHASING AND SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

5. ROUTE 4 - ROUTE 4 REMAINS CLOSED TO CONVOY TRAFFIC. THERE IS HOWEVER NO RICE CONVOY TRAFFICE PLANNED FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

6. ROUTE 5 - ROUTE 5 HAS BEEN REOPENED TO CONVOY TRAFFIC; HOWEVER, NO APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF RICE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO PHNOM PENH SINCE THE CONVOY ARRIVING ON AUGUST 21. A TOTAL AMOUNT OF 530 M/T OF RICE AND BROKENS ARRIVED ON THE AUGUST 30 CONVOY; HOWEVER, AS ALL OF IT WAS DESTINED FOR PRIVATE MERCHANTS WE HAVE NOT INCLUDED IT IN OUR STOCK TOTALS WHICH REFLECT ONLY GKR HELD RICE. AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT VISIT OF THE GKR DELEGATION TO BATTAMBANG, THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE GKR TO ARRANGE FOR 5,000 M/T OF RICE TO BE DELIVERED TO PHNOM PENH.

ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO BATTAMBANG THE 5,000 M/T OF RICE ARE TO BE REQUISITIONED AT THE PRESENT MARKET PRICE. FOLLOWING THIS THE GKR PLANS TO RAISE PURCHASING PRICES; HOWEVER, A SPECIFIC PRICE LEVEL HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. REPORTS FROM BATTAMBANG INDICATE THAT GOVERNOR WILL ATTEMPT TO COMPLY AND ASSUMING THAT ROUTE 5 REMAINS OPEN THE 5,000 M/T MAY BE TRANSPORTED TO PHNOM PENH BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER. IN THIS EVENT THE STOCK POSITON PER PARA (1) SHOULD BE COMMENSURATELY IMPROVED.

7. RICE DISTRIBTUION - RICE DISTRIBUTION CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY HIGH AVERAGING 527 M/T PER DAY DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST OR 7 M/T HIGHER THAN THE PROJECTED AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBUTION TOTAL OF 520 M/T FOR PHNOM PENH.

8. RICE AIRLIFTS - THE SEPTEMBER 1, THE GOALS OF ONE MONTH STOCKS FOR KOMPONG CHAM AND SVAY RIENG WERE EXCEEDED. AS OF SEPTEMBER 1 STOCKS WERE 1,018 M/T FOR KOMPONG CHAM AND 1,126 M/T FOR SVAY RIENG. KOMPONG THOM LAGGED BEHIND WITH 155 M/T OR THREE WEEKS SUPPLY. AIR AMERICA SERVICES HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT. KOMPONG CHAM AIRFIELD HAS BEEN CLOSED, HOWEVER, BY ENEMY FIRE AND THE GKR HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTINUE AIRLIFTS TO THAT SITE. BAD
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WEATHER HAS ALSO GREATLY REDUCED THE GKR AIRLIFT TO SVAY RIENG. WE ARE FOLLOWING THE SITUATION AT BOTH LOCATIONS CLOSELY TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ACTIVATE AIRDROPS TO KOMPONG CHAM OR AIR AMERICA SERVICES TO SVAY RIENG.
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